

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace Paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0007] The packet P1 is sent by the sender 12 at a given time. The packet P1 is delayed by the network 10 for any number of reasons, said delay and further delays being

5 indicated in Fig.1 by a shaded block having a label “D”. The packet P1 is further delayed by the receiver 14 so it can be played contiguously with the packet P2 that is also delayed by the network 10. If the packet P1 is not further delayed by the receiver 14, packets P1 and P2 would not be played contiguously, and an audible break in the data 22 would occur. The audible break in the data 22 would be heard by a listener at the receiver 14,

10 which translates to poor audio quality of the playout data 22.

**Please replace Paragraph [0076] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0076] Step 102: ‡

**Please replace Paragraph [0077] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0077] ~~he~~ The receiver 32 continually receives packets to be played by the media output

15 device 36 and forwards these packets to the playout buffer 34. The playout controller 42 identifies one of these packets as the current packet to be played, and another as the previous packet just played based on a sequential playing methodology;